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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Docket No.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE ISSUED TO:

GANGARAM RAGI, M.D. LICENSE NO. 56750

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL CONSENT ORDER

This matter is being opened to the Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") jointly by Kevin R. Jespersen, Deputy Attorney General, appearing for Zulima V. Farber, Attorney General of New Jersey, and Anthony F. LaBue, Esq., appearing for DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP, attorneys for Gangaram Ragi, M.D. On April 15, 2003, a Grand Jury of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Bergen, issued Indictment No. S-0867-03, State v. Ragi

(the "Indictment"), against Dr. Ragi. The Indictment alleged, among other things, that Gangaram Ragi, M.D. committed a sexual assault and criminal sexual contact upon the patient K. H.; and that Gangaram Ragi, M.D. committed a sexual assault and a criminal sexual contact upon the patient M.D. Dr. Ragi denied the charges and entered a plea of "not guilty." The charges stated in the Indictment against Dr. Ragi, if true, would constitute violations of the statutes and regulations governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. The charges contained in the Indictment were resolved through the entry of an Order in the Superior Court of New Jersey that, among other things, admitted Gangaram Ragi, M.D. into a Pretrial Intervention Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:43-12, et seq., without any plea of guilt to any of the charges contained in the Indictment. The Board entered an Interim Order on June 11, 2003, and Dr. Ragi consented to the form and entry of the Interim Order. The Board entered another, superceding Second Interim Consent Order on November 15, 2004, and Dr. Ragi consented to the form and entry of the Second Interim Consent Order. In order to avoid further proceedings in this case, Dr. Ragi consents and agrees to each and every term of this Final Consent Order. The Board has determined that the within disposition is adequate to protect the public health, safety and welfare. For such reasons and other good cause shown,

IT IS on this $\frac{16\text{TH}}{1000}$ day of March, 2006,

ORDERED:

- 1. Gangaram Ragi, M.D. is hereby reprimanded for violating N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.3.
- 2. Gangaram Ragi, M.D. shall not engage in the practice of medicine with regard to any female patient. For purposes of this Order, the practice of medicine shall include but not be limited to providing any medical diagnosis, treatment or any medical service, prescription, device or medication to any female patient.
- 3. Gangaram Ragi, M.D. shall successfully complete a course in boundary violations no later than June 30, 2006. The Director of Medical Education for the Board must approve such course in advance. For purposes of this Consent Order, "successful completion" of a course shall mean that Dr. Ragi attended all sessions of the course, fully participated in the course, and received a final evaluation of an unconditional pass.
- 4. Gangaram Ragi, M.D. shall pay a civil penalty of \$10,000.00.
- 5. Gangaram Ragi, M.D. shall pay in full the Board's costs in this matter, including but not limited to, costs of investigation, expert witness fees and costs, attorney's fees and costs and transcript costs, as allowed by N.J.S.A. 45:1-25(d), such costs being fixed in the amount of \$21,560.00.

6. Gangaram Ragi, M.D. shall pay in full the amounts required under paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Final Consent Order no later than April 1, 2006.

7. All other Orders in this case, including but not limited to the Second Interim Consent Order entered in this matter on

November 15, 2004, are hereby vacated in their entirety.

8. This Consent Order shall be a full and final disposition of whatever claims the Board could have asserted against Dr. Ragi based upon the allegations with regard to incidents involving the patients K. H. and M. D., such patients being described in the Indictment No. S-0867-03 issued in the criminal matter State v. Ragi. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Board from investigating, bringing a complaint based upon, or imposing additional and different discipline upon Dr. Ragi for any other claims of wrongful conduct, including but not limited to claims of sexual misconduct regarding patients other than K. H. and M. D. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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By:

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President

I have read the within Order. I understand the Order and I agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I hereby consent to the entry of this Order.

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Gangaram Ragi, M.D.						
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We hereby consent to the **form** and entry **of** this Order

DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP Attorneys for Gangaram Ragi, M.D.

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	Anthony	F.	LaBue
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